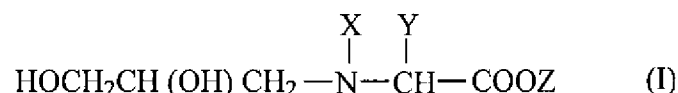


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic comprising an amino acid N-glyceryl derivative of the following formula (I) or salt thereof :



wherein X is ~~a hydrogen atom, a  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  group or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms~~; Y is a side chain of a basic or neutral  $\alpha$ -amino acid; and Z is a hydrogen atom, alkali metal, ammonium group, organic ammonium group or  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  group.

2. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 1, wherein the content of the amino acid N-glyceryl derivative of formula (I) or salt thereof is an amount of 0.1 to 20 % by weight of the total weight of the cosmetic.

3. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the amino acid N-glyceryl derivative of formula (I) or salt thereof is a glyceryl derivative of a basic amino acid or salt thereof.

4. (Previously Presented) A skin care cosmetic comprising the cosmetic according to claim 1.

5. (Previously Presented) A hair cosmetic comprising the cosmetic according to claim 1.

6. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 2, wherein Y is a side chain of an  $\alpha$ -amino acid selected from the group consisting of glycine, alanine, valine, leucine, isoleucine,

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serine, threonine, phenylalanine, tyrosine, tryptophan, sarcosine, N-methylalanine,  $\alpha$ -aminobutyric acid, cystine, methionine, cysteine, proline, hydroxyproline, lysine, hydroxylysine, arginine, histidine, and ornithine.

7. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 2, wherein Z is an organic ammonium group of the formula  $\text{--NR}_4^+$ , wherein R is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, methyl group, ethyl group, hydroxymethyl group, hydroxyethyl group, 2-methyl-1, 3-propanediol-2yl group and 2-methyl-1-propanolamine-2yl group, wherein at least one R group is not a hydrogen atom.

8. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic according to claim 6, wherein Z is an organic ammonium group of the formula  $\text{--NR}_4^+$ , wherein R is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, methyl group, ethyl group, hydroxymethyl group, hydroxyethyl group, 2-methyl-1, 3-propanediol-2yl group and 2-methyl-1-propanolamine-2yl group, wherein at least one R group is not a hydrogen atom.